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Specialization: Breeding & genetics; Project formulation, appraisal, evaluation and coordination.

Top five publications:

1. P. Venkatasubbaiah, K. Rajashekar, R.K. Somashekar and K.M. Safeeulla (1984). Antagonistic nature of Rhizosphere and Rhizoplane microflora of coffee seedlings against *Rhizoctonia solani*, Indian Journal of Microbiology, 24(3&4).
2. H. Shekara Shetty, A. Gopinath and K. Rajashekar (1985). Relationship of seed borne inoculum of *Pyricularia grisea* to the incidence of blast of finger millet in the field, Indian Phytopathology, 38(1), p 154-156.
3. K. Rajashekar, H. Shekara Shetty and S. K. Majumder (1990) Relative efficacy of some fungicides as seed dressing chemicals against seed microflora of Ragi with special reference to *Pyricularia grisea*. Pesticides, 1990.
4. B.N. Susheelamma, K. Rajashekar, M.R.Rao and R.K. Datta (1996). Genotype and hormonal effects on callus formation and regeneration in mulberry, Euphytica, 90, 25-29, 1996.
5. B.N. Susheelamma, S. Masilamani, V. Thiagarajan, K. Rajashekar and R.K. Datta (1997), Semigraphical method of analyzing genetic variation in Mulberry (*Morus sp.*). Indian Journal of plant genetic resources, 10(1): 69-78.

- Training undergone:**
1. Executive education programme on project management at Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore
 2. Entrepreneurship Development - Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India [EDII], Ahmedabad- Bangalore Centre.
 3. Training in Mulberry Breeding & Cultivation - Dr. H. Machii, JICA expert at CSRTI, Mysore

Awards Received:

1. Received CSB team award for the year 2003 for outstanding contribution in the field of "Mulberry breeding towards developing high yielding mulberry genotypes suitable for young age and late age silkworm rearing and genotypes suitable for low input conditions of reduced irrigation and fertilizer" (2003)
2. Received United Nations Development Programme [UNDP]-Central, Silk Board [CSB] awards for Best Sub-Programme Coordinating Officer in the categories of (i) Sub-programme Coordination & Monitoring (2000-01), (ii) Post Cocoon technology (2001-02) and (iii) Finance (2002-03).

Special Assignments:

1. Organized Entrepreneurship Development programme in precocoon activities of sericulture.
2. Member of the Peer Review Committee for reviewing the activities of Central Wool Development Board [CWDB], Ministry of Textiles, Government of India, Jodhpur.
3. Member of the team to study the feasibility of expansion of sericulture in the State of Nagaland with JBIC funding.
4. Resource person and training coordinator in three Resource Development Programmes at Bilaspur, Guwahati and Imphal for training project personnel in technologies, management, extension methodologies, skills, motivational and behavioural inputs etc.
5. Trained the staff of Central Wool Development Board, Jodhpur in formulation of projects for funding by Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India under the Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana [SGSY].
6. Contributed as a resource person and provided editorial support for the preparation of a user's compendium on Vanya silks published by CSB.
7. Organized four exhibition-cum-buyer sellers meets for Vanya silks at New Delhi, Mumbai, Bangalore and Kolkata; workshops at Deogarh, Bhubaneswar, Guwahati, Hyderabad, Salem, Dharwad in connection with projects in Vanya Silk Development.